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Mark Carreon: A Rare Combination

By Tom Bochenek

Mark Carreon played *Jeopardy* with the question. He interrupted the inquest mid-sentence. After all, he was quite familiar with the query, so he answered with a question of his own: "Can you name them?" asked the Indians newly acquired first baseman-outfielder.

Carreon certainly can. When you're one of the rare players in recent baseball annals who bats right-handed and throws left-handed, you know your roots.



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"There're five," said Carreon who proceeded to reel off the names of Rickey Henderson (San Diego), Brian Hunter (Seattle), David McCarty (San Francisco), and former New York Mets outfielder Cleon Jones.

"And myself," beamed a proud Carreon.

Carreon's family roots helped make him that rare species in the game.

"During my childhood, my father thought my swing was too big left-handed and I was making better contact (right-handed)," Mark said. "But, I think it had a lot to do with my eyesight. My dominant eye is my left eye and I was picking up the ball better."

Carreon's reference to his late father also draws an Indians connection. And, just as Mark's arrival in Cleveland came at an opportune time, Camilo Carreon was part of a timely trade that brought back Indians hero Rocky Colavito in 1965.

The second timely trade involving a Carreon took place on July 9th. While the baseball world was celebrating the All-Star Game in Philadelphia, Tribe Executive Vice President and General Manager John Hart worked the phones with the San Francisco Giants and dealt relief pitcher Jim Poole for Carreon, who was celebrating his 33rd birthday.

It was perhaps the best present a baseball player can receive, going from a last place team to the American League Central Division leaders.

The Indians were looking for an established first baseman because of injuries to Julio Franco (hamstring) and Herbert Perry (knee). They were also seeking a versatile player and a proven bat off the bench.

Mark Carreon's resume earned him the job.

"It's not a deal we had to do, but one we wanted to do because it adds more flexibility to our lineup," said Tribe manager Mike Hargrove. "Mark is a

"There's no better scenario than to come over here with a team full of talent and an opportunity to go to the 'big dance.'"

versatile, proven, productive hitter with a great makeup. He likes to play."

The past two years, Mark Carreon finally got a chance to play. That chance came on June 5, 1995 when Giants manager Dusty Baker made him the team's regular first baseman with a total of three Major League games experience at the position.

"Dusty gave me a chance, he went out on a limb and that's what it's turned out to be, just a simple case of opportunity," said Carreon, who seized the chance of a lifetime by hitting a career-high 17 home runs and a career-best 65 RBI in a personal high 117 games last year. In the second half of the season, Carreon hit .313 with nine homers and 46 RBI in 68 games. Topping off the year, Mark

went 1-for-4 on the last day of the season and finished with a .301 batting average, marking the fourth time in his nine-year career that he reached the .300 mark.

Carreon continued that consistent production this year with nine home runs, 22 doubles, and 51 RBI at the All-Star break, impressive numbers considering he hit fifth in a Giants' lineup behind perennial All-Stars Barry Bonds and Matt Williams, where few runners were left on base.

Then came the unexpected trade to Cleveland.

"Initially, it was a state of surprise, disbelief, all kinds of thoughts go through your mind," Carreon reflected. "But, at this point, it's a pleasant surprise.

"There's no better scenario than to come over here with a team full of talent and an opportunity to go to the big dance."

Mark high-stepped it when he joined his new teammates in Minnesota for the start of the second half of the season. Thrust into the starting lineup at first base, Carreon took umbrage to the Twins, slashing hits and knocking in runs all over the Metrodome as if it were his own back yard.

In the four-game series, Carreon helped the Tribe to three victories and a revived attack as he laced nine hits in 15 at-bats (.600) with a home run and three runs batted in. And, he did it by displaying the versatility of batting in three different spots in the batting order, ranging from second to ninth.

One month into the trade, Carreon continued to produce in a starting role. In his first 23 starts with the Tribe, at first base, center field, and as a designated hitter, Mark was hitting .341 with 12 RBI.

Nice numbers indeed, however, just think of Carreon's capabilities once he becomes familiar with American League pitching.

"I was a National League ballplayer pretty much my whole career, so you know how the pitchers like to pitch to you," said Carreon who homered in



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—Mark Carreon

four straight games with the Giants in 1995. "You know what's a good curve ball, what's a flat curve ball, you just know the little things like that.

"As a hitter though, those things are *huge*. Over here, all you can really pick up on is what they throw. You need the at-bats to feel them out and see how they're going to throw to you in the future. So, it's difficult."

What isn't so difficult for Mark is his pinch-hit ability. It didn't take Carreon long to impress his new teammates with that formidable task.



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On August 2, the 6'0", 195-pound Carreon smacked his tenth career pinch-hit home run, which leads all current players, and he's a career .306 (55-for-180) hitter coming off the bench.

"There's no secret to it," said Carreon who, in 1989, tied the New York Mets' record for most pinch-hit homers in a season with four, which led the Majors. "I just go up and try to be aggressive. Just like I do when I'm in the lineup."

The lineup for Mark Carreon took quite a while to crack. An eighth round selection in the June 1981 free agent draft by the Mets,



PARK, DINE, PLAY. THE
TAKE THE AVENUE

Carreon made his Major League debut seven years later in 1987. It wasn't until 1990 that he stayed with the Mets for an entire season, and even that campaign was shortened by a major knee injury that required surgery.

"When I broke in with the Mets, I did well off the bench and was labeled a role player. Then Dusty (Baker, San Francisco) gave me a chance," said Carreon who was traded to Detroit in 1992 (10 HR, 41 RBI), then signed with the Giants as a free agent in '93.

Central to Carreon's success last year was his ability to adapt to a new position



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at first base.

"Defensively, I have to give credit to (second baseman) Robby Thompson and (coach) Bob Lillis," said Carreon, who made just five errors in 752 total chances (.993 fielding percentage). "Those guys really helped me make the transition, when, in actuality, I was just thrown out there. Dusty gave me the ball, said you're my first baseman, I took a crash course overnight, and

the next day I was a first baseman.

"They basically taught me the concept of first base, and, since I've been here, I've had a

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THE BASE

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TO THE BALLPARK.





lot of help from (infield coach) Toby (Harrah)."

In a sense, Mark has been here, in Cleveland, for quite some time. He never saw his father play (a catcher who played for the Chicago White Sox, Indians, and Baltimore Orioles from 1959-'66) in the Majors—"other than watching a few film clips."

Mark grew up in Tucson, Arizona during the time when the Tribe held spring training in the desert. Were the Indians his adopted favorite team?

"Actually, it was when (former manager) Pat Corrales and those guys who knew my dad personally were there," said Carreon, whose family name becomes the fifth father-son tandem to

play for the Indians, joining the Averill's (both Earl), the Bagby's (both Jim), Buddy and David Bell, and Tito and Terry Francona.

"I used to go to the ballpark when I was younger and more awestruck of the players. It was exciting, but it was unfortunate that they left Tucson, because Tucson was my home."

Home now is Cleveland for this Robert DeNiro look-alike and his wife Donna and children Corey, Mark Jr., and Steven. Those sturdy, serious looks have caught on quickly.

Hey, this Mark Carreon has become quite an attraction with the Indians!

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BEWARE OF THE BULLDOG— OREL HERSHISER

By Steve Herrick

As the Indians eye another post-season berth, it's comforting to know they have a bulldog on their side.

When it comes to success in the playoffs, nobody does it better than Orel Hershiser. The Indians righthander is 8-1 with a 1.64 ERA in 13 playoff appearances, and is the only player to win the Most Valuable Player award in both league championship series.

Hershiser's post-season numbers are stunning. In 93¹/₃ innings, he has allowed 17 earned runs while holding opponents to 62 hits.

Hershiser, whose competitiveness earned him the nickname "Bulldog," has no explanation for his success.

"I just think it's good fortune to perform well in a magnified spotlight," he said. "I like the pressure and I like the fact it's a big game."

Hershiser tries to approach the playoffs the same way he does a regular season game.

"If you get too hyped up and the adrenaline hits, you can get out of control," he said. "I found that it fatigues me. It's definitely a learned behavior. I've experienced it before, that after two innings, you're out of breath and you ask yourself, 'why is that?'—it's nerves. You learn how to deal with it."

In the Indians first post-season in 41 years, Hershiser was dominant again, going 4-1 with a 1.53 ERA in five starts. He gave up three hits in 7¹/₃ shutout innings in a 4-0 win over Boston in Game 2 of the Division Series. He was voted the MVP of the American League Championship Series against Seattle after going 2-0 with a 1.29 ERA in two starts. He allowed one run in eight

innings in a 5-2 win in Game 2 before giving up two runs in six innings in a 3-2 win in Game 5 while pitching on three days rest. The victory gave the Indians a 3-2 series lead, and they clinched the pennant by winning Game 6 in Seattle.

Hershiser finally suffered his first career post-season loss in Game 1 of the World Series, where he was outdueled by Atlanta's Greg Maddux. He allowed three runs in six innings in a 3-2 loss. With

the Tribe facing elimination in Game 5, Hershiser outpitched Maddux, allowing two runs in six innings for a 5-4 win.

Hershiser was even able to block out the roar from the sellout crowd at the Kingdome during last season's playoffs. While everyone else left Seattle with a pounding headache because of the din, Hershiser said that at the time, he heard the ocean.

"You can be more alone the louder it is," he said. "When everybody's loud, it almost becomes neutral. It's not positive or negative. You can think they're cheering for you. If they start chanting some-

thing like 'Hershiser stinks,' it can get to you, but when it's a little noise, it's pretty easy to concentrate."

Hershiser spent the first 10 years of his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He signed a one-year contract with the Indians, with a club option for 1996, last season at spring training.

Hershiser gave the Indians exactly what they were looking for. He was 16-6 with a 3.87 ERA in 26 starts and tied Charles Nagy for the team lead in wins. He won five straight decisions, two different times, and was 11-2 in the second half. As a

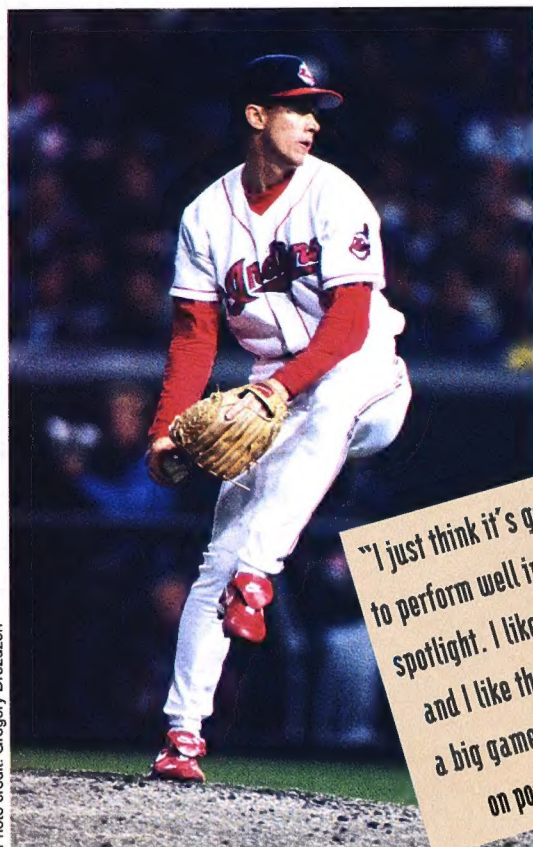


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preview of what he could do in the playoffs, Hershiser won his last four starts of the regular season.

Despite the success, Hershiser was "very close" to retiring in the off-season. He spent most of last season away from his wife, Jamie, and their two sons, Quinton (11) and Jordan (7), who were still living in the Los Angeles area.

"Last year was a very tough year for us," he said. "It was great on the field, but on a personal level, it was tumultuous. It was the first time I played in a city we didn't live in. The kids were going to school in California and we decided we couldn't live that way."

The Hershisers moved to Orlando last season, which cut down on the commute to Cleveland. Still, Hershiser wasn't sure he wanted to come back.

"When my family and I talked it over, I was serious," he said. "My family voiced their opinions and they still wanted me to play. My wife said that the boys are now old enough to remember being at the ballpark with their dad. She thought it was important for me to continue to play. The main reason I wanted to retire was because of them. She said they would miss it."

Hershiser and the Indians worked out a contract extension for the 1997 season last December.

Although he's in his 12th season in the big leagues, Hershiser still marvels at what

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-Orel Hershiser

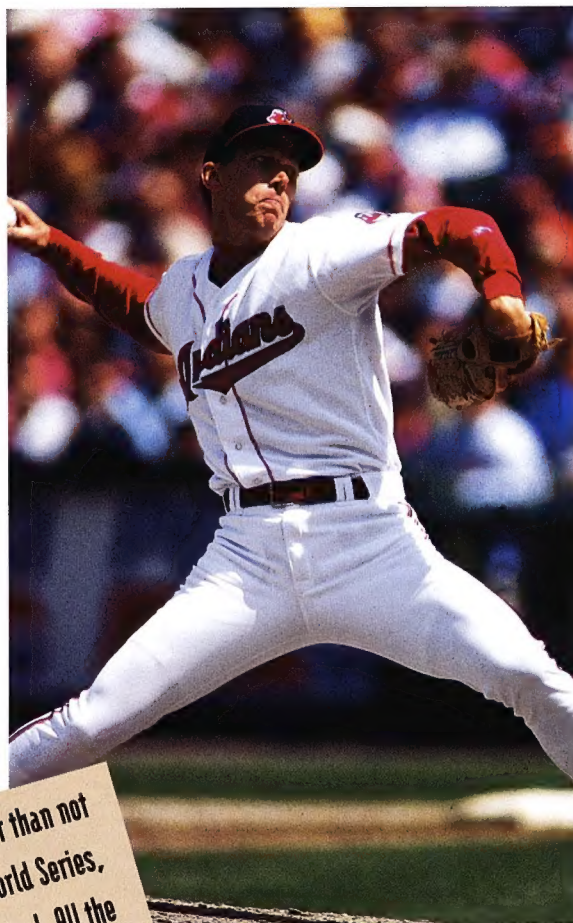


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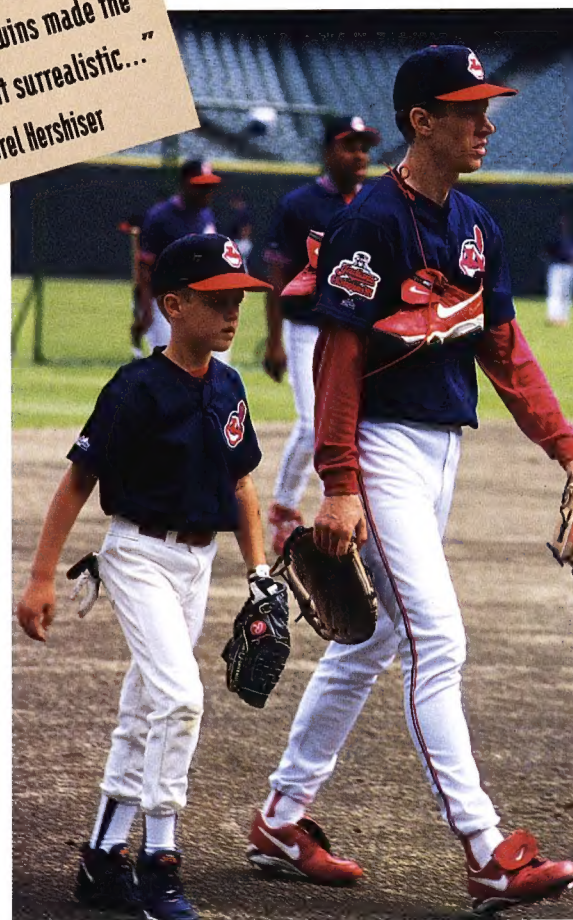


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the Indians accomplished in '95. The Tribe went 100-44, won the American League Central by a record 30 games, had 27 wins in their final at-bat, and won Cleveland's first pennant since 1954.

"Last year, other than not winning the World Series, was very magical," he said. "All the comeback wins made the season a bit surrealistic, even for a couple of veterans."

"Dave Winfield had the locker next to mine, and we used to come in after one of those games where we came back in the last at-bat and shake our heads," Hershiser said. "We would say 'this is ruining a lot of young guys' careers.' We'd say 'this isn't the way it is every year.' Last year was very special."

Hershiser admits this season hasn't been as smooth.

"This year we're experiencing reality," he said. "There were high expectations. We've had injuries. We've had a very hot second place team (the White Sox) chasing us. It's not the same special year."

Hershiser had his own struggles early in the season. Through his first 12 starts, he was 4-4 with a 6.64 earned run average. In 62 1/3 innings, he gave up 92 hits, including 11 home runs. Opponents were hitting .341 against him.

Some wondered if Hershiser, who will turn 38 this month, was nearing the end of the road.

"I didn't think those thoughts—that I was close to being finished," he said. "The important thing was

that I had my health. I had struggled with my mechanics when I was healthy before and turned it around."

Turn around it did.

In his next nine starts, Hershiser was 6-2 with a 0.85 ERA and went 79 innings over 11 starts without allowing a home run.

"It was a matter of continuing to work hard and search for answers," he said. "Sometimes you find answers when you correct small things. Finding those things isn't always easy. You continue to learn all the time. Even great golfers have a coach—Jack Nicklaus has a coach, and he's the greatest golfer in the world."

Indians pitching coach Mark Wiley thought Hershiser would turn things around.

"We pretty much knew there was nothing wrong physically," he said. "Pitchers go through things. You don't see many wire-to-wire seasons like the one Maddux had last year. A guy could win the Cy Young Award and not win a game for a month."

Wiley sees no reason why Hershiser can't continue to pitch well.

"Once a veteran pitcher gets his rhythm and gets locked in, mentally and physically, he can remain locked for long periods of time," he said.

Wiley was a scout for the Indians before becoming pitching coach last season. As the Indians compiled a list of free agent pitchers for '95, Hershiser's name was at the top.

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Wiley scouted Hershiser during the '94 season.

"Even before he pitched for us, we were aware he knew how to pitch and would be a good example to young pitchers on our staff," he said.

Hershiser's signing paid big dividends for the Indians.

"It's all history now, but people may tend to forget he had 20 wins in 160 games last season," said Wiley.

Hershiser's best season came in 1988 when he went 23-8 with a 2.26 ERA, and pitched 59 consecutive, scoreless innings to break Don Drysdale's Major League record, and won the National League Cy Young Award. He was MVP of the NLCS, when the Dodgers beat the Mets, and of the World Series, when LA stopped the heavily favored Oakland A's.

Is he throwing as well now as he did then?

"I'm feeling as strong as ever," he said. "It's a good landmark to compare to, but it's not always fair to do that. I don't think I pitched well in 1988—I like to think I pitched well from 1987 to 1990."

Hershiser hurt his shoulder early in the 1990 season and underwent career-threatening surgery, but was back in May of the following year.

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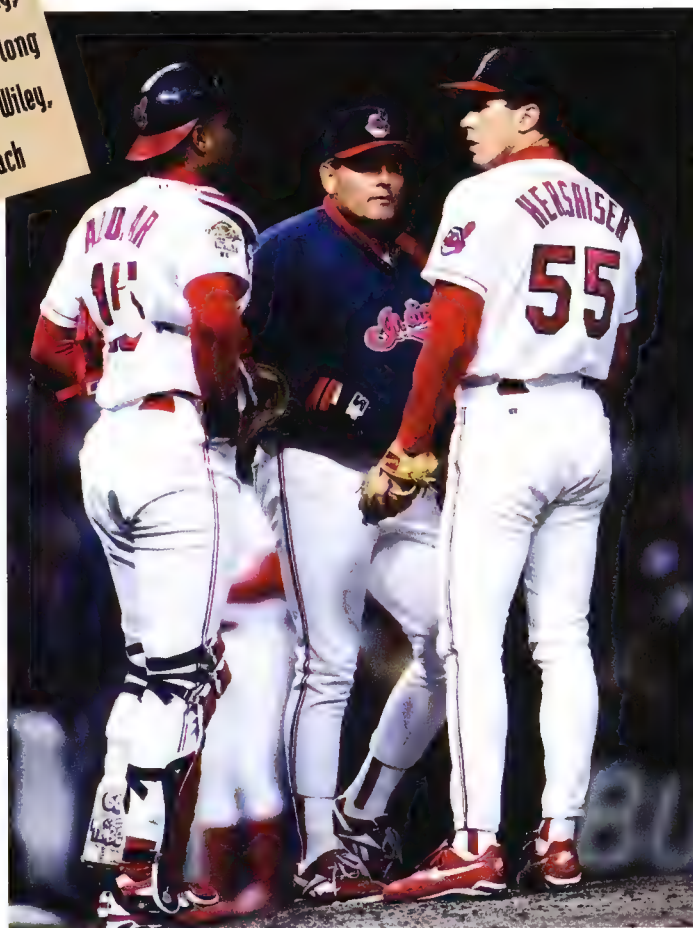


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Bulldog, Continued...

"What I'm doing right now is pretty special," he said. "To be throwing at the level I am now after the surgery, which a lot of people said would end my career, is a miracle."

"I honestly can't say I realized his stuff would return to the way it was prior to the injury," Wiley said. "On top of all that, he got back to the point where, arm-strength-wise and stuff-wise, he could dominate again."

Wiley knows the key to Hershiser's success.

"It's not only a matter of great stuff, but it's also knowing how to take a pitch and put it in parts of the strike zone where hitters have more trouble with it," he said.

Hershiser credits former Dodgers Manager Tom Lasorda, Dodgers pitching coach Dave Wallace, and former LA pitching great Sandy Koufax as the biggest influences in his career. Wallace was the Dodgers roving pitching instructor while Hershiser was there.

Hershiser pitched in college at Bowling Green and was drafted by the Dodgers following his junior year in 1979.

He was 35-29 in four minor league seasons and was called up to the Dodgers at the end of the 1983 season. Hershiser made the team and was pitching out of the bullpen when starters Jerry Reuss and Rickey Honeycutt went down with injuries. He went into the rotation, pitched four shutouts, threw eight complete games, and established himself as a starting pitcher.

Hershiser reached double figures in victories

every season except 1990 and '94. He was 134-102 with a 3.00 ERA while pitching for the Dodgers.

Last season was Hershiser's first experience pitching in the American League. He calls the difference between the two leagues *huge*.

"They are two different games," he said. "From the configurations of the ballparks, to the amount of foul territory, to the umpiring, to the DH. Not only is the DH usually a big hitter in the middle of the lineup, it changes the way you pitch to the seventh and eighth hitters."

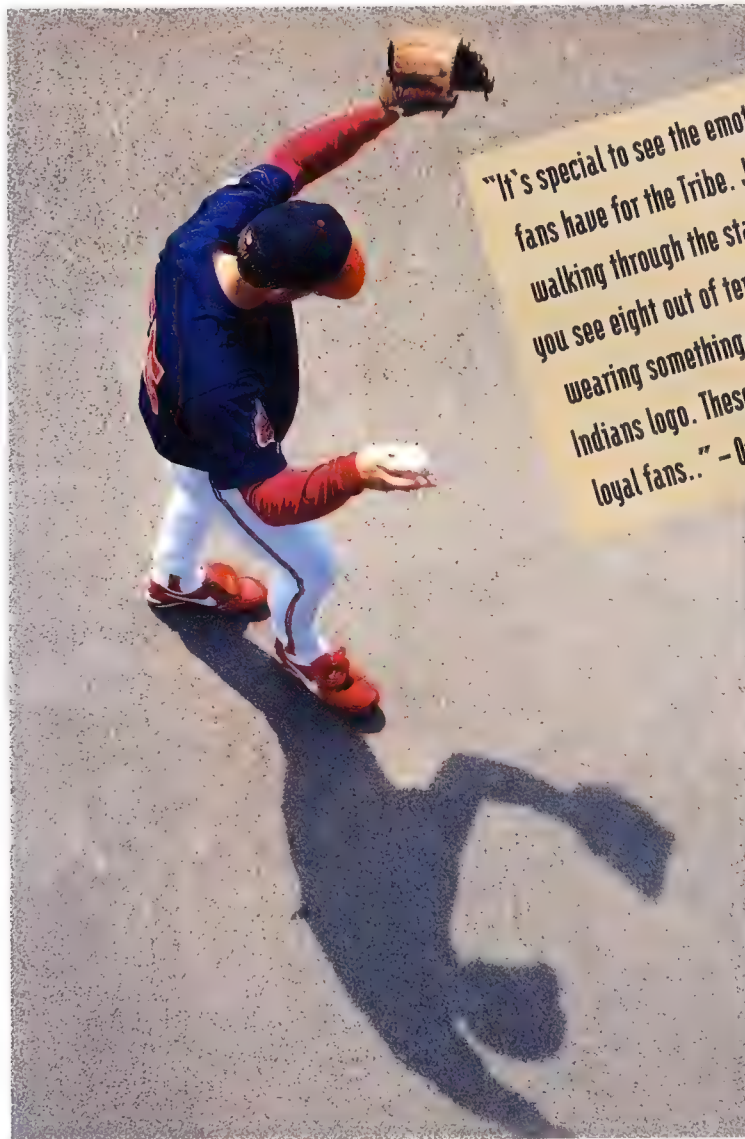
Hershiser thinks that the new ballparks recently built in the American League favor offense.

"In the new ballparks, when they tried to create ambience, they eliminated foul territory," he said. "When they tried to create personality, they altered the configuration of the walls—and they usually don't move them back—it's a lot tougher to pitch here."

Hershiser enjoys pitching for Cleveland fans and daily sell-outs at Jacobs Field.

"It's special to see the emotion fans have for the Tribe," he said. "Just looking up into the stands, you can see eight out of 10 people wearing something with an Indians logo. These are true, loyal fans."

As the season winds down, the fans at Jacobs Field know they will see something special when "The Bulldog" takes the mound.



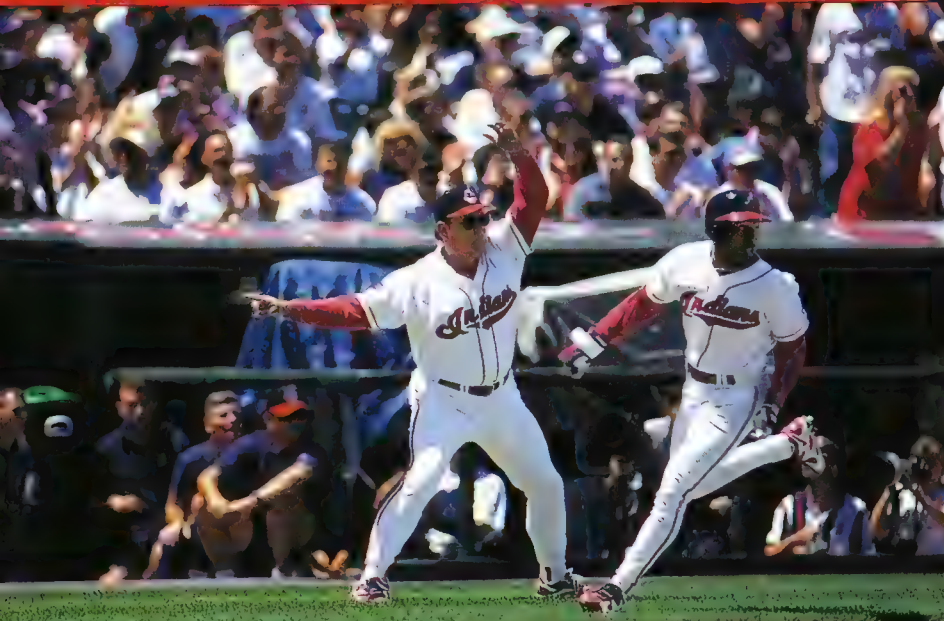
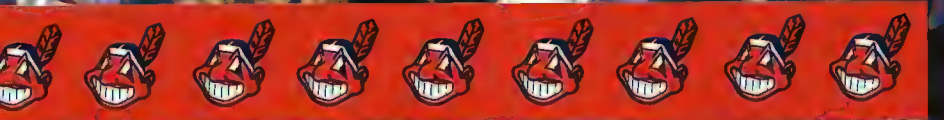
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Dwight Gooden

The Gallery







HOW TO SCORE

Baseball fans can enjoy the sport to the fullest extent by keeping track of the game and pinpointing those big plays that bring victory or defeat. All you need is a basic knowledge of the rules.

Although there are countless scoring methods, experts use a simple code based on numbering players by position and tracing action through the use of symbols. It's easy and fun.

In fact, why not devise your own scoring system with the basic suggestions on this page.

One such suggestion on player substitutions is to use a heavy or wavy line under or over a box to indicate a change, either of a player or batter.

If a batter flies to the rightfielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is a foul fly, use 9F.

Now that you are an official "scorer," you can really enjoy baseball games.

Team	Pos.	1	2
Rightfielder	9	4-6 W	
2nd Baseman	4	3 ④FO	
1st Baseman	3	=	
Centerfielder	8	SF 8	
Designated Hitter	DH	K	
Leftfielder	7		4-6 —
Catcher	2		DP 4-6-3
3rd Baseman	5		⊖
Shortstop	6		7
Pitcher	1		
TOTALS	R / H	1 / 1	1 / 2

Walked and was forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop).

Reached first on fielder's choice when runner was forced out, advanced to third on double by 3rd place hitter, scored on 4th place hitter's sacrifice fly.

Doubled; did not advance further.

Flied out to center field scoring runner on third.

Struck out—end of the inning.

Singled; later forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop in first half of double play).

Hit into double play (2nd baseman to shortstop to 1st baseman).

Hit home run.

Flied out to leftfielder—end of inning.

USE THESE SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

— Single	FC Fielder's Choice	PB Passed Ball
= Double	HP Hit by Pitcher	BK Balk
≡ Triple	WP Wild Pitch	K Struck Out
≡ Home Run	SB Stolen Base	BB Base on Balls
E Error	SH Sacrifice Hit	FO Forced Out
F Foul Fly	SF Sacrifice Fly	IW Intentional Walk
DP Double Play	CS Caught Stealing	

CAN YOU SCORE

THIS PLAY?

The ball was hit to the shortstop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman was able to force out the runner who had been at first. He then threw the ball to the first baseman to get the batter out, turning a double play.

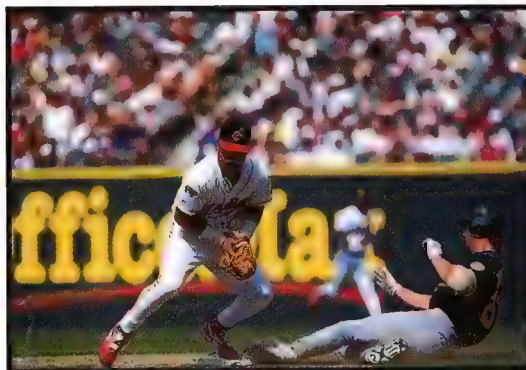
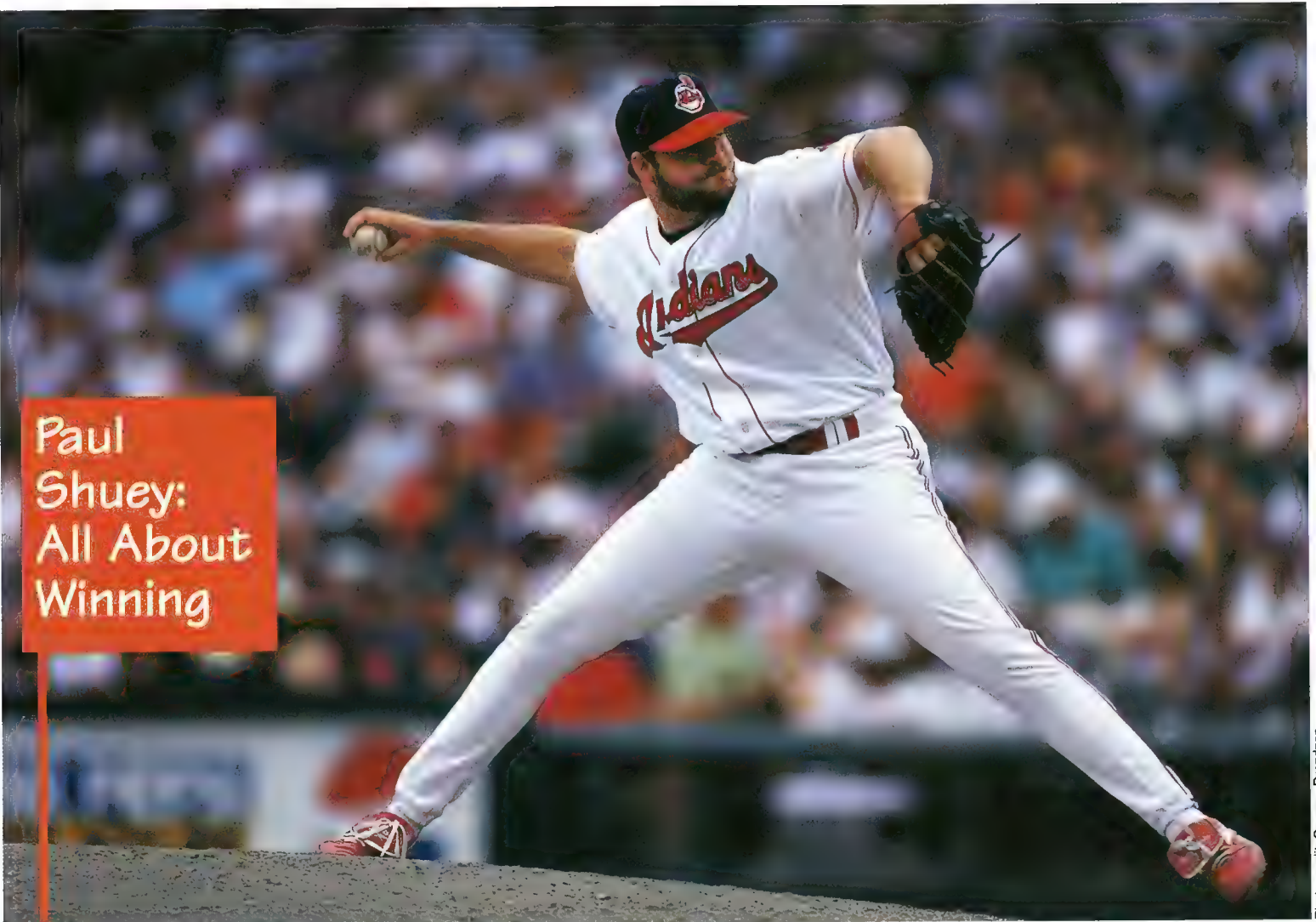


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BK	SB
⊖	W



In this example, the hitter reached first base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on pitcher's balk, scored on a wild pitch.

A full-page photograph of Paul Shuey, a baseball pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, captured in the middle of a pitching motion on the mound. He is wearing a white home uniform with "Indians" in red script across the chest, a red and white pinstriped belt, and a black cap with a red "C" logo. His right arm is extended forward, releasing the ball, while his left arm is bent with a black glove. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

Paul Shuey: All About Winning

If Paul Shuey were a basketball player he'd drive directly to the hoop. If he were a defensive end, he'd go right for the quarterback.

No pump fakes, stunts, or loops. Paul Shuey doesn't want to mess around. This relief pitcher doesn't nibble at the corners.

"I'm not going to try to fool guys too much. I'm gonna try to beat them with my stuff in the strike zone," said Shuey, who has flourished as a setup man and occasionally as a closer for the Indians since mid-June. "Guys preparing for me are probably going to look for a fastball in the strike zone and they're going to get it at some point, but hopefully my stuff is better than theirs."

Shuey's approach to pitching is more direct than has been his path to what would be a secure Major League career. After being selected by the Indians with the second overall pick in the June, 1992 draft, the righthander has had to overcome a full share of adversity. Demotions, injuries, a dramatic change in his pitching style, and even a traffic accident have tested Shuey's perseverance.

"I know at times he did get down. I'm positive though, that he always felt he'd make it," Shuey's wife, Julie, said. "But if it didn't work out, he thought he could fall back on a fishing career. That's his mentality. If it doesn't work, go fishing."

That's Shuey. He'd give his best, and if it's not good enough, it hurts, but it's just not good enough. But it's probably going to be good enough. Just like if his fastball is a foot short and somebody hits it out of the park. Hitter, you were better on that pitch. But you had to get that bat around awfully quick.

"Probably the biggest thing is that I think I belong," Shuey, 25, said of his resilience. "I know I can get guys out up here."

The first few months of this season had been, to some extent, Shuey's career in microcosm—a series of ups and downs. He reported to spring training in the best shape of his professional career, having purposely dropped nearly 20 pounds to get down to 205.

"I wanted to take weight off my knees," the

6'3" Shuey said. "I have patella tendonitis and the knees can bark after repeated outings. I feel strong. I haven't had any trouble with my legs."

Shuey, though, was optioned to the Indians AAA team at Buffalo the day before the regular Major League season began. A few days later, baseball seemed so relatively unimportant for the moment.

"I was going to the airport (in Buffalo) at about six in the morning. There had been an ice storm," Shuey remembered. "I was going the speed limit, but I hit a patch of ice. I went across about four lanes of traffic and rolled over the edge of a bridge embankment. I rolled the truck about two-and-a-half times and ended upside down. The truck was totaled. I crawled out."

Shuey was not injured. Especially not his arm. He kept throwing hard for the Bisons, and on April 12th, the Indians called him up. He pitched a scoreless inning in his first appearance, then allowed 10 runs, seven earned, in four innings in his next two outings. Nine days after being recalled, Shuey went back into the minor leagues. He had not been himself.

"As soon as things didn't seem to go my way (with the Indians), I kind of cracked," he admitted. "It was totally mental. It had nothing to do with mechanics. I was physically fine. I just couldn't handle walking anybody. It was a very short stay."

Shuey's mother and father, Ken and Bernice, live in Raleigh, NC. Paul was born in Lima, OH, and the family moved south before his sixth grade year began.

"Paul is about winning," Ken said. "When he went back down to the minors after the couple of bad outings, he wanted to go down, because he wasn't helping the team. He wants to win in the worst way. Whether it's fly fishing or golf, he wants to win."

Things didn't instantly turn for the better for Shuey back in Buffalo.

"I was shaken up (mentally) still," he said. Soon though, he flourished. Again, he was better than the hitter much more often than not. He bounced back not only because of his arm, but also because of his head.

"When Paul was sent back down, he identified for himself what he had done up here," Indians pitching coach Mark Wiley said. "He recognized what his mental approach had been, and what adjustments he had to make in his mental approach. He went down and rectified that."

Maybe most impressively, Shuey regained his effectiveness without the assurance that he'd return to Cleveland. The Indians bullpen is deep and it's good, and besides, Shuey wasn't the only reliever in Buffalo with Major League capabilities.

I started to help the team in Buffalo. That became my goal," he said. "I'm still very interested in how Buffalo is doing. I wanted us to win the championship down there. I didn't think I would be coming back here. I just wanted to pitch as well as I could."

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Shuey pitched well indeed, good enough to prove himself wrong, good enough to get back up to the Majors. Good enough to post a 1.37 earned run average in his next 22 Indians appearances, earning his three wins and four saves.

"I was just locking in on damage control," Shuey said of his success. "Against the Yankees, I loaded the bases with nobody out and got myself in a bad situation. I gave up a run, but I threw some awesome pitches to get out of that situation.

"That's what I call damage control. When the bad stuff starts to happen, if you can call on yourself to get out of it, then that's the big deal, because then you don't give up the four-spots (runs), the seven-spots."

Shuey's emergence was only a matter of time.

"Paul has the stuff and he's got command of his pitches," Wiley said. "The last area

you need to get over the hump is the mental approach and having a consistent plan. He has a plan. He attacks the hitters. He recognizes game situations and watches the hitters during the game. Then, when he's in the game, he's prepared and expects to get hitters out. He feels he belongs. That's the final step."

All-Star closer Jose Mesa was working his way out of a slump while Shuey rallied. Manager Mike Hargrove gave Shuey some save opportunities before Mesa regained his form, and Shuey came through.

"It felt good to me to help Jose through a bad time, because he's done some amazing things while he's been here," Shuey said. "Hopefully that gets him through the tough times and he gets on a roll and we can really go at some teams for the rest of the season."

The stint as a closer whetted Shuey's appetite for more of the same. It's the role he filled at the University of North Carolina, and short relief is what the Indians have groomed him for, although he started 21 minor league games in 1992-'93 so he could have more innings to work on his mechanics.

"In my future, I think that will be there," Shuey said of finishing games. "I'm happy doing whatever I can for this team now. I'm still breaking in—later on I want to close."

Standing in the batter's box against some of the Indians big right-handed relievers is no picnic. Shuey, Mesa, and Eric Plunk can all push the radar gun most of the way toward 100 miles per hour with their fastballs. All of them have more in their arsenal, too. For Shuey, there's the curveball and the split finger.

"Very few pitchers in this game have three pitches above average or well above average. Even the greatest pitchers might have only two," Wiley said. "When you have three and get locked into the strike zone like Paul can, that says something about how unique he is among his peers."

Shuey feels his stuff will only get better as he continues to adjust to a lower leg kick. He used to lift his left leg well above his head as he went into his delivery. That



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gave potential base stealers precious extra time, and it was something the Indians organization wanted to change.

Shuey went back and forth with the different leg kicks for three years, but he has stayed with the lower one for the last year. He believes the high kick caused a pulled groin muscle when he was with the Indians for 14 appearances in 1994, and caused a pulled hamstring which limited his Cleveland service to seven games last season. Meanwhile, during the ‘94-’95 campaign, Shuey pitched in 58 minor league games.

“I used to kick my leg up as high as I could. I could see my foot outlined against the sky,” Shuey said. “My curve was devastating (with the high leg kick). It might be 77 to 79 (mph) when before it was 80 to 86. It was nasty.

“Now I’ve picked up the split, which looks like a fastball until the last second. Out of the lower kick, I can throw that pitch and it’s been real effective for me, kind of picking up the lost nastiness, I guess.

“I’m getting to where the fastball is coming back. I feel like I’ve got some bullets in my arm now. For a long time I didn’t because there’s a different sweet feeling, like that was a 98, and now I think I sneak a few 97s in there. I hopefully can stay within this 94 to 96 or 97 range, which is okay.”

A fastball better than those of almost all of his contemporaries is more than “okay.” It probably will limit another sport to being more than just a pastime for Shuey for some time to come.

“It’s going to have something to do with fishing,” Shuey said of what he hopes for as a post-baseball career. “I’ll either be guiding or trying to get on the tour, something like that, but it will definitely have something to do with fishing.”

Shuey hooked up with some fellow Indians pitchers.

“Chad Ogea is probably the fly fisherman of the group,” he said. “I’d say Eric Plunk is the saltwater fisherman of the group. I’m probably the bass fisherman, and Alan Embree claims to know some stuff about steelheads.”

Hopefully it will be close to November, almost time for ice fishing, by the time the Indians season concludes.

“Every time we win, I feel like we’re going to the World Series, and every time we lose, I’m thinking maybe we’re not going to get there,” Shuey said. “It’s been up and down that way, but I think that’s the way it’s supposed to be. I know that in Buffalo, I had the confidence we were going to be in the playoffs and we were going to win the whole thing, and I think that’s coming here.”



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND THE INDIANS MAKE "TEAM" A WINNER

Baseball's most important pitch this season won't come from a mound. In an effort to combat drinking and driving, Major League Baseball, together with the Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) coalition, will make a comprehensive appeal to fans this year. The message:

PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Major League Baseball joined TEAM in 1987. Fourteen organizations are now members of the coalition, representing professional sports, federal and state agencies, and private industry. In addition to Major League Baseball, Allstate Insurance Company, CBS Sports, Comsat Video Enterprises, the International Association of Auditorium Managers, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, the National Association of Broadcasters, the National Association of Governor's Highway Safety Representatives, the National Basketball Association, the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Traffic Safety Administration, the National Hockey League, and the National Safety Council are members.

TEAM was established to accomplish two objectives:

- Assist ballparks and arenas in the development of alcohol management policies and procedures.
- Conduct public service campaigns that reinforce awareness of the dangers associated with drinking and driving. These campaigns promote the value of a designated driver and the importance of responsible drinking.

As part of the TEAM program, each Major League club has reviewed its alcohol policies. Every club is running public service announcements asking fans to drink responsibly and warning them against the consequences of drinking and driving.

The results have been encouraging. The number of alcohol-related incidents in and around baseball parks has dropped.

Baseball's efforts also include a multi-media public service announcement campaign that promoted "TEAM Spirit" on television during network telecasts of regular and post-season games. TEAM PSA's over the years have featured Tommy Lasorda, Mark Langston, Shane Rawley, Chili Davis, and Don Baylor encouraging fans not to drink and drive.

The Indians have also been a leader when it comes to safe, responsible drinking at Jacobs Field. All hosts, guest service personnel, security guards, ticket sellers, and parking lot attendants are trained in spotting the signs of intoxication among fans and how to control and prevent alcohol-related incidents. In addition, there are

banners behind concession stands encouraging fans to drink responsibly and to choose a designated driver in their group. Those interested in participating in the Designated Driver program, sponsored by A1 General, may sign up at Guest Service Centers, Section 116 of the Main Concourse or Section 519 of the Upper Concourse, to receive a free soft drink certificate, a wristband saying they aren't purchasing alcohol, and a chance to win an Indians baseball cap from the Team Shop.

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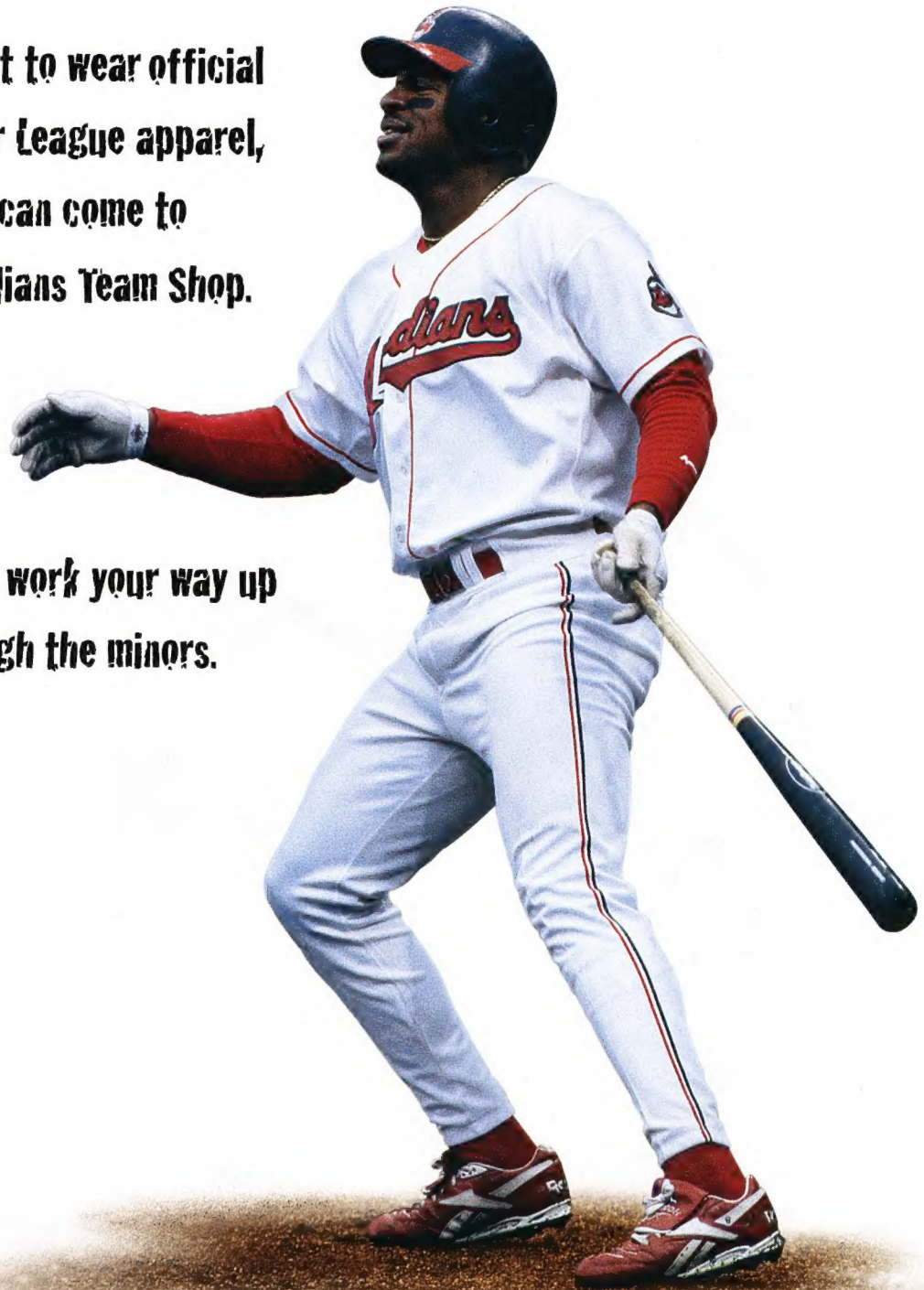


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